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SUPERVISOR BREWER INCREASES SUN CITY AREA TRANSIT FUNDS TRANSPORTATION FUNDS DOUBLED FOR SENIORS

(Phoenix) – Maricopa County Supervisor Jan Brewer today announced the County has doubled the regional funding of transportation for residents of the Sun Cities area. Brewer helped work out an agreement in which the Regional Public Transportation Authority will allocate \$50,000 to Sun City Area Transit (SCAT).

"This additional funding should help SCAT provide improved transportation services to the growing population of the Sun Cities," said Brewer, who represents District 4. "This will allow even more residents to get to important appointments and give them more freedom in getting around the area."

The additional funds are distributed to Special Transportation Services (STS), which is administered by the Maricopa County Human Services Department and executed by the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Special Transportation Services offers service to elderly, disabled and indigent residents needing assistance in getting to work, job interviews, medical appointments and shopping.

SCAT provides on-call transit service to residents of the Sun Cities and Youngtown, with connections to other parts of the Valley. The operation serves between 75,000 to 80,000 riders annually.

"SCAT's Dial-a-Ride is a truly wonderful operation," added Brewer. "And I am very happy to have found a way to double their funding to \$50,000."

Funds for SCAT come from the County's portion of vehicle license tax funds. Cities and counties throughout the state receive a portion of vehicle tax funds earmarked for transportation services.